

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: PGOV, PFOR

SUBJECT: CABINET TASK FORCE ON QUESTIONABLE PAYMENTS ABROAD:  
FOREIGN LAWS ON QUESTIONABLE PAYMENTS

REF: STATE 094647

1. IN BULGARIAN SYSTEM ECONOMIC OFFICIALS ARE ALSO  
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND ALL ARE GOVERNED BY SAME SET  
OF LAWS ON BRIBERY.

2. ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS OF REFTEL ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. YES -- LAWS PROVIDE FOR IMPRISONMENT AND  
CONFISCATION OF PROPERTY DEPENDING ON THE NATURE OF  
THE OFFENSE.

B. NO -- THERE ARE NO DISCLOSURE LAWS AS SUCH,  
BUT AUTHORIZED PAYMENTS ARE MADE TO GOVERNMENT RATHER  
THAN INDIVIDUAL. BRIBERY LAW IS SO BROAD THAT ANY  
PAYMENT TO INDIVIDUAL COULD BE INTERPRETED AS ILLEGAL.

C. YES -- LOCAL REPRESENTATION IS EITHER BY  
INTERPRED, THE ORGANIZATION FOR PERMANENT COMMERCIAL  
REPRESENTATION, OR BY RESIDENT FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVES  
WORKING IN CONJUNCTION WITH INTERPRED AND REPORTING  
SEMI-ANNUALLY TO MFT ON ITS ACTIVITIES.

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QUESTIONS D., E., F. ARE NOT APPLICABLE.

3. COPY OF LAW ON BRIBERY POUCHED TO L/PM ON NOV 26,  
1975 AND COPY OF LAW ON FOREIGN COMMERCIAL  
REPRESENTATIVES SENT AS SOFIA A-116 OF DECEMBER 30,  
1975.  
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